



28 (1) As used in this section:  
29 (a) "percentage net change in the value of taxable property for the equalization period"

30 means the percentage net change between the taxable value of taxable property:

31 (i) (A) on June 8; and  
32 (B) listed on the assessment roll as reported by the:

33 (I) county assessor; and

34 (II) county auditor; and

35 (ii) (A) on December 31; and

36 (B) as reported by the county auditor as a year-end taxable value; and

37 (b) "taxable property" means property:

38 (i) described in Section 59-2-201 that is assessed by the commission; and

39 (ii) described in Section 59-2-301 that is assessed by a county assessor.

40 (2) (a) The legislative body of each taxing entity shall file a statement as provided in  
41 this section with the county auditor of the county in which the taxing entity is located.

42 (b) The auditor shall annually transmit the statement to the commission:

43 (i) before June 22; or

44 (ii) with the approval of the commission, on a subsequent date prior to the date  
45 established under Section 59-2-1317 for mailing tax notices.

46 (c) The statement shall contain the amount and purpose of each levy fixed by the  
47 legislative body of the taxing entity.

48 (3) ~~(a)~~ For purposes of establishing the levy set for each of a taxing entity's applicable  
49 funds, the legislative body of the taxing entity shall calculate an amount determined by dividing  
50 the budgeted property tax revenues, specified in a budget which has been adopted and  
51 approved prior to setting the levy, by the amount calculated under ~~[Subsection (3)(b)]~~  
52 Subsections 59-2-924(2)(a)(iii)(B)(I) through (III).

53 ~~[(b) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a), the legislative body of a taxing entity shall~~  
54 ~~calculate an amount as follows:]~~

55 ~~[(i) calculate for the taxing entity the difference between:]~~

56 ~~[(A) the aggregate taxable value of all property taxed; and]~~

57 ~~[(B) any redevelopment adjustments for the current calendar year;]~~

58 ~~[(ii) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(b)(i), calculate an amount~~

59 ~~determined by increasing or decreasing the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(b)(i) by the~~  
 60 ~~average of the percentage net change in the value of taxable property for the equalization~~  
 61 ~~period for the three calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar year;]~~

62 ~~[(iii) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(b)(ii), calculate the~~  
 63 ~~product of:]~~

64 ~~[(A) the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and]~~

65 ~~[(B) the percentage of property taxes collected for the five calendar years immediately~~  
 66 ~~preceding the current calendar year; and]~~

67 ~~[(iv) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(b)(iii), calculate an~~  
 68 ~~amount determined by subtracting from the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(b)(iii) any~~  
 69 ~~new growth as defined in Section 59-2-924:]~~

70 ~~[(A) within the taxing entity; and]~~

71 ~~[(B) for the current calendar year;]~~

72 ~~[(c) For purposes of Subsection (3)(b)(i)(A), the aggregate taxable value of all property~~  
 73 ~~taxed includes:]~~

74 ~~[(i) the total taxable value of the real and personal property contained on the tax rolls;~~  
 75 ~~and]~~

76 ~~[(ii) the taxable value of any additional personal property estimated by the county~~  
 77 ~~assessor to be subject to taxation in the current year;]~~

78 ~~[(d) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,~~  
 79 ~~the commission may prescribe rules for calculating redevelopment adjustments for a calendar~~  
 80 ~~year;]~~

81 (4) The format of the statement under this section shall:

82 (a) be determined by the commission; and

83 (b) cite any applicable statutory provisions that:

84 (i) require a specific levy; or

85 (ii) limit the property tax levy for any taxing entity.

86 (5) The commission may require certification that the information submitted on a  
 87 statement under this section is true and correct.

88 Section 2. Section **59-2-924** is amended to read:

89 **59-2-924. Report of valuation of property to county auditor and commission --**

90 **Transmittal by auditor to governing bodies -- Certified tax rate -- Calculation of certified**  
91 **tax rate -- Rulemaking authority -- Adoption of tentative budget.**

92 (1) (a) Before June 1 of each year, the county assessor of each county shall deliver to  
93 the county auditor and the commission the following statements:

94 (i) a statement containing the aggregate valuation of all taxable property in each taxing  
95 entity; and

96 (ii) a statement containing the taxable value of any additional personal property  
97 estimated by the county assessor to be subject to taxation in the current year.

98 (b) The county auditor shall, on or before June 8, transmit to the governing body of  
99 each taxing entity:

100 (i) the statements described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii);

101 (ii) an estimate of the revenue from personal property;

102 (iii) the certified tax rate; and

103 (iv) all forms necessary to submit a tax levy request.

104 (2) (a) (i) The "certified tax rate" means a tax rate that will provide the same ad  
105 valorem property tax revenues for a taxing entity as were budgeted by that taxing entity for the  
106 prior year.

107 (ii) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenues" do not  
108 include:

109 (A) collections from redemptions;

110 (B) interest; and

111 (C) penalties.

112 (iii) (A) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(v), the certified tax rate shall be  
113 calculated by dividing the ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted for the prior year by the  
114 taxing entity by the ~~[taxable value established in accordance with Section 59-2-913]~~ amount  
115 calculated under Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B).

116 (B) For purposes of Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(A), the legislative body of a taxing entity  
117 shall calculate an amount as follows:

118 (I) calculate for the taxing entity the difference between:

119 (Aa) the aggregate taxable value of all property taxed; and

120 (Bb) any redevelopment adjustments for the current calendar year;

121 (II) after making the calculation required by Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B)(I), calculate an  
122 amount determined by increasing or decreasing the amount calculated under Subsection  
123 (2)(a)(iii)(B)(I) by the average of the percentage net change in the value of taxable property for  
124 the equalization period for the three calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar  
125 year;

126 (III) after making the calculation required by Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B)(II), calculate the  
127 product of:

128 (Aa) the amount calculated under Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B)(II); and

129 (Bb) the percentage of property taxes collected for the five calendar years immediately  
130 preceding the current calendar year; and

131 (IV) after making the calculation required by Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B)(III), calculate an  
132 amount determined by subtracting from the amount calculated under Subsection  
133 (2)(a)(iii)(B)(III) any new growth as defined in this section:

134 (Aa) within the taxing entity; and

135 (Bb) for the current calendar year.

136 (C) For purposes of Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(B)(I), the aggregate taxable value of all  
137 property taxed includes:

138 (I) the total taxable value of the real and personal property contained on the tax rolls;  
139 and

140 (II) the taxable value of any additional personal property estimated by the county  
141 assessor to be subject to taxation in the current year.

142 (D) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
143 the commission may prescribe rules for calculating redevelopment adjustments for a calendar  
144 year.

145 (iv) (A) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking  
146 Act, the commission shall make rules determining the calculation of ad valorem property tax  
147 revenues budgeted by a taxing entity.

148 (B) For purposes of Subsection (2)(a)(iv)(A), ad valorem property tax revenues  
149 budgeted by a taxing entity shall be calculated in the same manner as budgeted property tax  
150 revenues are calculated for purposes of Section 59-2-913.

151 (v) The certified tax rates for the taxing entities described in this Subsection (2)(a)(v)

152 shall be calculated as follows:

153 (A) except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(v)(B), for new taxing entities the certified  
154 tax rate is zero;

155 (B) for each municipality incorporated on or after July 1, 1996, the certified tax rate is:

156 (I) in a county of the first, second, or third class, the levy imposed for municipal-type  
157 services under Sections 17-34-1 and 17-36-9; and

158 (II) in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, the levy imposed for general county  
159 purposes and such other levies imposed solely for the municipal-type services identified in  
160 Section 17-34-1 and Subsection 17-36-3(22); and

161 (C) for debt service voted on by the public, the certified tax rate shall be the actual levy  
162 imposed by that section, except that the certified tax rates for the following levies shall be  
163 calculated in accordance with Section 59-2-913 and this section:

164 (I) school leeways provided for under Sections 11-2-7, 53A-16-110, 53A-17a-125,  
165 53A-17a-127, 53A-17a-134, 53A-17a-143, 53A-17a-145, and 53A-21-103; and

166 (II) levies to pay for the costs of state legislative mandates or judicial or administrative  
167 orders under Section 59-2-906.3.

168 (vi) (A) A judgment levy imposed under Section 59-2-1328 or [~~Section~~] 59-2-1330  
169 shall be established at that rate which is sufficient to generate only the revenue required to  
170 satisfy one or more eligible judgments, as defined in Section 59-2-102.

171 (B) The ad valorem property tax revenue generated by the judgment levy shall not be  
172 considered in establishing the taxing entity's aggregate certified tax rate.

173 (b) (i) For the purpose of calculating the certified tax rate, the county auditor shall use  
174 the taxable value of property on the assessment roll.

175 (ii) For purposes of Subsection (2)(b)(i), the taxable value of property on the  
176 assessment roll does not include new growth as defined in Subsection (2)(b)(iii).

177 (iii) "New growth" means:

178 (A) the difference between the increase in taxable value of the taxing entity from the  
179 previous calendar year to the current year; minus

180 (B) the amount of an increase in taxable value described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv).

181 (iv) Subsection (2)(b)(iii)(B) applies to the following increases in taxable value:

182 (A) the amount of increase to locally assessed real property taxable values resulting

183 from factoring, reappraisal, or any other adjustments; or

184 (B) the amount of an increase in the taxable value of property assessed by the  
185 commission under Section 59-2-201 resulting from a change in the method of apportioning the  
186 taxable value prescribed by:

187 (I) the Legislature;

188 (II) a court;

189 (III) the commission in an administrative rule; or

190 (IV) the commission in an administrative order.

191 (c) Beginning January 1, 1997, if a taxing entity receives increased revenues from  
192 uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-404, 59-2-405, 59-2-405.1,  
193 59-2-405.2, or 59-2-405.3 as a result of any county imposing a sales and use tax under Chapter  
194 12, Part 11, County Option Sales and Use Tax, the taxing entity shall decrease its certified tax  
195 rate to offset the increased revenues.

196 (d) (i) Beginning July 1, 1997, if a county has imposed a sales and use tax under  
197 Chapter 12, Part 11, County Option Sales and Use Tax, the county's certified tax rate shall be:

198 (A) decreased on a one-time basis by the amount of the estimated sales and use tax  
199 revenue to be distributed to the county under Subsection 59-12-1102(3); and

200 (B) increased by the amount necessary to offset the county's reduction in revenue from  
201 uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-404, 59-2-405, 59-2-405.1,  
202 59-2-405.2, or 59-2-405.3 as a result of the decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection  
203 (2)(d)(i)(A).

204 (ii) The commission shall determine estimates of sales and use tax distributions for  
205 purposes of Subsection (2)(d)(i).

206 (e) Beginning January 1, 1998, if a municipality has imposed an additional resort  
207 communities sales tax under Section 59-12-402, the municipality's certified tax rate shall be  
208 decreased on a one-time basis by the amount necessary to offset the first 12 months of  
209 estimated revenue from the additional resort communities sales and use tax imposed under  
210 Section 59-12-402.

211 (f) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, and ending on December 31,  
212 1999, a taxing entity's certified tax rate shall be adjusted by the amount necessary to offset the  
213 adjustment in revenues from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section

214 59-2-405.1 as a result of the adjustment in uniform fees on tangible personal property under  
215 Section 59-2-405.1 enacted by the Legislature during the 1998 Annual General Session.

216 (g) For purposes of Subsections (2)(h) through (j):

217 (i) "1998 actual collections" means the amount of revenues a taxing entity actually  
218 collected for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1998, under Section 59-2-405 for:

219 (A) motor vehicles required to be registered with the state that weigh 12,000 pounds or  
220 less; and

221 (B) state-assessed commercial vehicles required to be registered with the state that  
222 weigh 12,000 pounds or less.

223 (ii) "1999 actual collections" means the amount of revenues a taxing entity actually  
224 collected for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, under Section 59-2-405.1.

225 (h) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2000, the commission shall make the  
226 following adjustments:

227 (i) the commission shall make the adjustment described in Subsection (2)(i)(i) if, for  
228 the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, a taxing entity's 1998 actual collections were  
229 greater than the sum of:

230 (A) the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections; and

231 (B) any adjustments the commission made under Subsection (2)(f);

232 (ii) the commission shall make the adjustment described in Subsection (2)(i)(ii) if, for  
233 the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, a taxing entity's 1998 actual collections were  
234 greater than the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections, but the taxing entity's 1998 actual  
235 collections were less than the sum of:

236 (A) the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections; and

237 (B) any adjustments the commission made under Subsection (2)(f); and

238 (iii) the commission shall make the adjustment described in Subsection (2)(i)(iii) if, for  
239 the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, a taxing entity's 1998 actual collections were  
240 less than the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections.

241 (i) (i) For purposes of Subsection (2)(h)(i), the commission shall increase a taxing  
242 entity's certified tax rate under this section and a taxing entity's certified revenue levy under  
243 Section 59-2-906.1 by the amount necessary to offset the difference between:

244 (A) the taxing entity's 1998 actual collections; and

245 (B) the sum of:

246 (I) the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections; and

247 (II) any adjustments the commission made under Subsection (2)(f).

248 (ii) For purposes of Subsection (2)(h)(ii), the commission shall decrease a taxing  
249 entity's certified tax rate under this section and a taxing entity's certified revenue levy under  
250 Section 59-2-906.1 by the amount necessary to offset the difference between:

251 (A) the sum of:

252 (I) the taxing entity's 1999 actual collections; and

253 (II) any adjustments the commission made under Subsection (2)(f); and

254 (B) the taxing entity's 1998 actual collections.

255 (iii) For purposes of Subsection (2)(h)(iii), the commission shall decrease a taxing  
256 entity's certified tax rate under this section and a taxing entity's certified revenue levy under  
257 Section 59-2-906.1 by the amount of any adjustments the commission made under Subsection  
258 (2)(f).

259 (j) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for  
260 purposes of Subsections (2)(f) through (i), the commission may make rules establishing the  
261 method for determining a taxing entity's 1998 actual collections and 1999 actual collections.

262 (k) (i) (A) For fiscal year 2000, the certified tax rate of each county required under  
263 Subsection 17-34-1(4)(a) to provide advanced life support and paramedic services to the  
264 unincorporated area of the county shall be decreased by the amount necessary to reduce  
265 revenues in that fiscal year by an amount equal to the difference between the amount the county  
266 budgeted in its 2000 fiscal year budget for advanced life support and paramedic services  
267 countywide and the amount the county spent during fiscal year 2000 for those services,  
268 excluding amounts spent from a municipal services fund for those services.

269 (B) For fiscal year 2001, the certified tax rate of each county to which Subsection  
270 (2)(k)(i)(A) applies shall be decreased by the amount necessary to reduce revenues in that fiscal  
271 year by the amount that the county spent during fiscal year 2000 for advanced life support and  
272 paramedic services countywide, excluding amounts spent from a municipal services fund for  
273 those services.

274 (ii) (A) A city or town located within a county of the first class to which Subsection  
275 (2)(k)(i) applies may increase its certified tax rate by the amount necessary to generate within

276 the city or town the same amount of revenues as the county would collect from that city or  
277 town if the decrease under Subsection (2)(k)(i) did not occur.

278 (B) An increase under Subsection (2)(k)(ii)(A), whether occurring in a single fiscal  
279 year or spread over multiple fiscal years, is not subject to the notice and hearing requirements  
280 of Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.

281 (l) (i) The certified tax rate of each county required under Subsection 17-34-1(4)(b) to  
282 provide detective investigative services to the unincorporated area of the county shall be  
283 decreased:

284 (A) in fiscal year 2001 by the amount necessary to reduce revenues in that fiscal year  
285 by at least \$4,400,000; and

286 (B) in fiscal year 2002 by the amount necessary to reduce revenues in that fiscal year  
287 by an amount equal to the difference between \$9,258,412 and the amount of the reduction in  
288 revenues under Subsection (2)(l)(i)(A).

289 (ii) (A) (I) Beginning with municipal fiscal year 2002, a city or town located within a  
290 county to which Subsection (2)(l)(i) applies may increase its certified tax rate to generate  
291 within the city or town the same amount of revenue as the county would have collected during  
292 county fiscal year 2001 from within the city or town except for Subsection (2)(l)(i)(A).

293 (II) Beginning with municipal fiscal year 2003, a city or town located within a county  
294 to which Subsection (2)(l)(i) applies may increase its certified tax rate to generate within the  
295 city or town the same amount of revenue as the county would have collected during county  
296 fiscal year 2002 from within the city or town except for Subsection (2)(l)(i)(B).

297 (B) (I) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(l)(ii)(B)(II), an increase in the city or  
298 town's certified tax rate under Subsection (2)(l)(ii)(A), whether occurring in a single fiscal year  
299 or spread over multiple fiscal years, is subject to the notice and hearing requirements of  
300 Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.

301 (II) For an increase under this Subsection (2)(l)(ii) that generates revenue that does not  
302 exceed the same amount of revenue as the county would have collected except for Subsection  
303 (2)(l)(i), the requirements of Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919 do not apply if the city or town:

304 (Aa) publishes a notice that meets the size, type, placement, and frequency  
305 requirements of Section 59-2-919, reflects that the increase is a shift of a tax from one imposed  
306 by the county to one imposed by the city or town, and explains how the revenues from the tax

307 increase will be used; and

308 (Bb) holds a public hearing on the tax shift that may be held in conjunction with the  
309 city or town's regular budget hearing.

310 (m) (i) This Subsection (2)(m) applies to each county that:

311 (A) establishes a countywide special service district under Title 17A, Chapter 2, Part  
312 13, Utah Special Service District Act, to provide jail service, as provided in Subsection  
313 17A-2-1304(1)(a)(x); and

314 (B) levies a property tax on behalf of the special service district under Section  
315 17A-2-1322.

316 (ii) (A) The certified tax rate of each county to which this Subsection (2)(m) applies  
317 shall be decreased by the amount necessary to reduce county revenues by the same amount of  
318 revenues that will be generated by the property tax imposed on behalf of the special service  
319 district.

320 (B) Each decrease under Subsection (2)(m)(ii)(A) shall occur contemporaneously with  
321 the levy on behalf of the special service district under Section 17A-2-1322.

322 (n) (i) As used in this Subsection (2)(n):

323 (A) "Annexing county" means a county whose unincorporated area is included within a  
324 fire district by annexation.

325 (B) "Annexing municipality" means a municipality whose area is included within a fire  
326 district by annexation.

327 (C) "Equalized fire protection tax rate" means the tax rate that results from:

328 (I) calculating, for each participating county and each participating municipality, the  
329 property tax revenue necessary to cover all of the costs associated with providing fire  
330 protection, paramedic, and emergency services:

331 (Aa) for a participating county, in the unincorporated area of the county; and

332 (Bb) for a participating municipality, in the municipality; and

333 (II) adding all the amounts calculated under Subsection (2)(n)(i)(C)(I) for all  
334 participating counties and all participating municipalities and then dividing that sum by the  
335 aggregate taxable value of the property, as adjusted in accordance with Section 59-2-913:

336 (Aa) for participating counties, in the unincorporated area of all participating counties;  
337 and

338 (Bb) for participating municipalities, in all the participating municipalities.

339 (D) "Fire district" means a county service area under Title 17A, Chapter 2, Part 4,  
340 County Service Area Act, in the creation of which an election was not required under  
341 Subsection 17B-2-214(3)(c).

342 (E) "Fire protection tax rate" means:

343 (I) for an annexing county, the property tax rate that, when applied to taxable property  
344 in the unincorporated area of the county, generates enough property tax revenue to cover all the  
345 costs associated with providing fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services in the  
346 unincorporated area of the county; and

347 (II) for an annexing municipality, the property tax rate that generates enough property  
348 tax revenue in the municipality to cover all the costs associated with providing fire protection,  
349 paramedic, and emergency services in the municipality.

350 (F) "Participating county" means a county whose unincorporated area is included  
351 within a fire district at the time of the creation of the fire district.

352 (G) "Participating municipality" means a municipality whose area is included within a  
353 fire district at the time of the creation of the fire district.

354 (ii) In the first year following creation of a fire district, the certified tax rate of each  
355 participating county and each participating municipality shall be decreased by the amount of  
356 the equalized fire protection tax rate.

357 (iii) In the first year following annexation to a fire district, the certified tax rate of each  
358 annexing county and each annexing municipality shall be decreased by the fire protection tax  
359 rate.

360 (iv) Each tax levied under this section by a fire district shall be considered to be levied  
361 by:

362 (A) each participating county and each annexing county for purposes of the county's  
363 tax limitation under Section 59-2-908; and

364 (B) each participating municipality and each annexing municipality for purposes of the  
365 municipality's tax limitation under Section 10-5-112, for a town, or Section 10-6-133, for a  
366 city.

367 (3) (a) On or before June 22, each taxing entity shall annually adopt a tentative budget.

368 (b) If the taxing entity intends to exceed the certified tax rate, it shall notify the county

369 auditor of:

370 (i) its intent to exceed the certified tax rate; and

371 (ii) the amount by which it proposes to exceed the certified tax rate.

372 (c) The county auditor shall notify all property owners of any intent to exceed the  
373 certified tax rate in accordance with Subsection 59-2-919(2).

374 (4) (a) The taxable value for the base year under Subsection 17B-4-102(4) shall be  
375 reduced for any year to the extent necessary to provide a redevelopment agency established  
376 under Title 17B, Chapter 4, Redevelopment Agencies Act, with approximately the same  
377 amount of money the agency would have received without a reduction in the county's certified  
378 tax rate if:

379 (i) in that year there is a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2)(c) or  
380 (2)(d)(i);

381 (ii) the amount of the decrease is more than 20% of the county's certified tax rate of the  
382 previous year; and

383 (iii) the decrease results in a reduction of the amount to be paid to the agency under  
384 Section 17B-4-1003 or 17B-4-1004.

385 (b) The base taxable value under Subsection 17B-4-102(4) shall be increased in any  
386 year to the extent necessary to provide a redevelopment agency with approximately the same  
387 amount of money as the agency would have received without an increase in the certified tax  
388 rate that year if:

389 (i) in that year the base taxable value under Subsection 17B-4-102(4) is reduced due to  
390 a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2)(c) or (2)(d)(i); and

391 (ii) The certified tax rate of a city, school district, or special district increases  
392 independent of the adjustment to the taxable value of the base year.

393 (c) Notwithstanding a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2)(c) or  
394 (2)(d)(i), the amount of money allocated and, when collected, paid each year to a  
395 redevelopment agency established under Title 17B, Chapter 4, Redevelopment Agencies Act,  
396 for the payment of bonds or other contract indebtedness, but not for administrative costs, may  
397 not be less than that amount would have been without a decrease in the certified tax rate under  
398 Subsection (2)(c) or (2)(d)(i).

**Legislative Review Note**  
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Interim Committee Note**  
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The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee recommended this bill.